



MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2, 2021 / 6:00 pm
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00PM
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **ROLL CALL:** Jerry Martell, Tom Oldenburg, Mike Walsh, Cindy Oldenburg, Lee Tippery
- **OTHERS PRESENT:** Cindy Viste (SEMCAC), Matt Vetsch, Bob Schuldt, Mike Rasmussen, Kirsten Plummer, Sam Mullen, Jordan Gerard, Lindsey Martell
- **ACTION TO CHANGE AGENDA:** Add Payables to A-1 Precision Pumping, Canon, City of Caledonia, Croell, Gopher State One, Hokah Coop, MNDOT, Richards Sanitation, Schneider Heating & Air Conditioning, Vision Design Group.
- 1. **Consent Agenda:** Motion to consent the agenda with the addition of payables to A-1 Precision Pumping, Canon, City of Caledonia, Croell, Gopher State One, Hokah Coop, MNDOT, Richards Sanitation, Schneider Heating & Air Conditioning, Vision Design Group was made by Jerry. Second by Mike. Unanimous.
All items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.
 - 1.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes October 5, 2021
 - 1.2 Bills Payable Through: November 2, 2021
 - 1.3 Consolidated Balance Sheet October 31, 2021
- 2. **Library/City Hall/City Center Report:** Kirsten reported that things are going well at the library, and they have not had a Board meeting since the last Council meeting, so she did not have a lot to report. She reported that they will be having the Library Fundraiser Holiday Fair on December 4th at the City Hall. She also noted that her employee training is going well.
- 3. **Police Dept./City Attorney Report:** Bob reported that there was vandalism to the crosswalk sign on Main Street. He also noted that they would be putting away the speed trailer for the year. Bob said the Governors office was still looking into the progress of the rumble strips, but he has not heard from MNDOT. The project was planned for this year.
- 4. **Emergency Management:** Bob informed the Council that they would be doing a test on the siren, and we may have troubles with our battery.
- 5. **Water/Wastewater/City Engineer Report:** Matt Vetsch reported that they finished hauling 75,000 gallons of biosolids to the Davidson property.
- 6. **Streets / Maintenance Report:** Matt noted that they were getting everything ready for snow and just cleaning up the leaves.
- 7. **Planning Commission / Zoning Report:** No Report.
- 8. **Recreation Board Report:** Sam Mullen reported the summer season was good and she felt it worked better than it has in the past to have a manager and an assistant manager. Sam had a lot less issues and calls sent to her. She said that ball seemed to go as normal. There was a big group of T-ballers this year. She stated that Tara Grattan would like to get off the Recreation Board so we will need to find a replacement. She also informed the Council that they had 20 dogs for the dogapoolooza which is more than they have ever had.
- 9. **New Business:**
 - 9.1 SCDP Grant: Cindy Viste
 - 9.1.1 Cindy Viste informed the Council that they are at the stage of completing the Environmental Study and completing all the policies and procedures required by DEED. All the policies required of the City were included in Resolution 2021-08.

Motion to accept Resolution 2021-08 – Adopting Policies for Administration of MN Dept of Employment & Economic Development SCDP Grant was made by Mike. Second by Cindy. Unanimous. Cindy Viste also informed the Council that if anyone has not completed a survey that they can reach out to her or Allison Wagner.

9.2 Joint Powers Agreement and Court Services Amendment Renewal

9.2.1 Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-07 – Approving State of MN Joint Powers Agreement on behalf of the City of Hokah's Attorney and Police Department was made by Jerry. Second by Tom. Unanimous.

10. Old Business:

10.1 Hiawatha Valley Education District: Lindsey reported that after the last Council meeting, she reached out to Deb Marquette from HVED and requested that an HVED Board member attend this meeting (11/2/21) tonight. After further discussion Deb wanted to understand some of the issues that were brought up. A meeting with Skip Wieser, Lindsey, Deb Marquette and the HVED Human Resource Manager was held to discuss some of the main issues including the school's participation with law enforcement. A follow up meeting was held with Lindsey, Skip, Matt Vetsch, Bob Schuldt, Jerry Martell and 3 members of the HVED staff including Deb Marquette, the HR Manager, and Business Manager. Lindsey felt that the group was able to communicate all the issues they had. The members of the HVED staff took down all of the information and they asked if they could try to address some of the items and then they could attend the December meeting. Jerry also noted that the group was able to communicate some of the problems they have seen. He informed that Council that they would need to table the discussion until the December meeting.

11. Council Member's Comments/Community Input: No report.

12. Mayor's Comments: No Report.

13. Staff Correspondence: No report.

14. Correspondence Received:


15. Announcements:

16. Next Council Meeting: December 7, 2021, 6:01 PM, Truth in Taxation, followed immediately by December Council Meeting.

17. Items for next Agenda: Delinquent Utility Account Assessment

18. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:38PM made by Jerry. Second by Mike. Unanimous.


Lindsey Martell, City Clerk


Lee Tippiery, Mayor